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SUBJECT: DOL INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SEMINAR

REF: A. STATE 269628

B. GOLDEN LETTER DATED DECEMBER 20, 1974

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A AND B EMBASSY SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO NIGERIAN MINISTRY OF LABOUR JANUARY 7 TO CO-HOST SUBJECT SEMINAR. DIRECTOR OF LABOUR STATED HE WOULD DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY BUT HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT TIMING OF SEMINAR WAS DIFFICULT. HE NOTED THAT MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYERS AND TRADE UNIONS ARE ALL FOCUSSED ON RECENTLY RELEASED WHITE PAPER CONCERNING THE UDOJI REPORT. TRADE UNIONS HAVE GIVEN PRIVATE EMPLOYERS DEADLINE OF JANUARY 31 TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW PAY SCALES AND MINISTRY OF LABOUR IS CONCERNED THAT INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SCENE MAY BE RATHER STORMY DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

2. HE NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE MINISTRY'S FORMAL REPLY TO DOL PROPOSAL. HE HOPES TO HAVE PERMANENT SECRETARY KOKU'S VIEWS SHORTLY AND HAVE FORMAL REPLY BY END OF WEEK. SEMINAR WOULD BE MOST WELCOME BUT MINISTRY OF LABOUR WOULD PREFER IT TAKE PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYERS AND TRADE UNIONS COULD GIVE IT ATTENTION IT PROPERLY DESERVES.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON DIRECTOR OF LABOUR'S COMMENTS

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WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HOLD IN ABEYANCE ITS

PLANS FOR THIS SEMINAR. INDUSTRIAL SITUATION IN NIGERIA  
HAS BEEN CONFUSED BY UDOJI REPORT AND POSSIBILITY OF  
INDUSTRIAL UNREST REMAINS HIGH. WE WILL FORWARD OFFICIAL  
REACTION OF MINISTRY OF LABOUR WHEN AVAILABLE.  
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